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1. There was a great movement of new settlers to Lodz and Warsaw immediately after World War II and this movement still continues [1953]. Lodz is probably the greatest industrial city of Poland and people from rural areas are moving in.
2. Approximately 40 new houses, each for 30 families, were built in the area of the ghettos (Nowo Miejska and Zgierska) which were destroyed during World War II, but there is still a definite housing shortage and the government is doing little to alleviate it. Warsaw, not Lodz, is being built up. This may be due to the fact that many of the newcomers to Lodz are students who are lodged in dormitories or private homes; approximately 50% in dormitories and 50% in private homes.
3. Outside of the above-mentioned housing construction in the area of the former ghetto, [] any new construction in the city of Lodz. Lodz suffered very little damage during World War II and remains pretty much as it was prior to that time. There is a project known as the University City of Lodz which is in the planning stage, but it will be years before any work will actually be done on it.
4. There is one large meat packing plant on Piotrkowska Street which was built before World War II but [] no new plants are being built. Although the spinning machine, or cotton, industry is the greatest in Poland, all the plants are old and, [] there has been no new construction. Lodz is known as the Polish Manchester.
5. There is an aircraft repair plant located at the south end of Piotrkowska Street. This plant comprises an area of about 10,000 square meters and consists of a group of one and two-story brick buildings with tar roofs. There is a fence about two meters high surrounding the plant.

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hauled into the plant by truck and [redacted] they were sent in for repair purposes. [redacted] Polish training planes are made there. [redacted] the plant employs about 200 people who work one eight-hour shift, six days a week, [redacted]

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